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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO
THE DUTY OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed after the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311 and is being filed on or before payment of an Issue Fee.

The Applicant hereby states, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart for this application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

The IDS processing fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

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PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Examiner's attention is hereby drawn to the International Search Report and The Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority issued in corresponding PCT Application PCT/US2004/038552, filed November 17, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

See the enclosed Search Report and Written Opinion from corresponding PCT application number PCT/US2004/038552.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

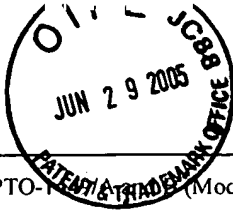
An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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